

## From your pastor...



The Greek language has two words for time: *kronos* and *kairos*. *Kronos* conveys the idea of logging time and events. When we know that the church service starts at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday night or that we have a doctor appointment at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, those are *kronos* thoughts. (Our word chronology comes from *kronos*.) But when we say, “It’s time to plant the garden!” or “It’s time to go to bed!”, those are *kairos* thoughts. *Kairos* conveys the idea of the right, suitable or opportune time to do something.

It takes a good memory or a smart phone to remember dates and times and scheduled events. (*kronos*) But it takes wisdom, understanding, and guidance from God to know when it’s best to do something. (*kairos*) Of course, I’m thinking of trickier, far more complicated matters than planting a garden or sending the kids off to bed.

Ecclesiastes 3 has quite a list of *kairos* activities for us to contemplate:

*There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace. – Ecclesiastes 3:1-8*

Of course, the first activities on the list “*a time to be born and a time to die*” are entirely in God’s hands, not ours. It is comforting to know that God chose the right time for us to be born and He will choose the right time for us to die. And as we live out our lives under His grace and peace, we ask Him for wisdom to always do the right thing at the right time for the right reason, to our Creator and Redeemer’s praise!

(Third in a series on “Our Use of God’s Gift of Time”)

~ Pastor J. Bare

**Church Council News: Steve Kobe, secretary**

Our financial report – as of April 2018

	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
<b>Budget Requirements</b>	<b>\$48,793.42</b>	<b>\$195,173.68</b>
<b>Offerings</b>	<b>\$52,161.92</b>	<b>\$180,427.67</b>
<b>Tuition/FEF/ Reg</b>	<b>\$ 1,103.66</b>	<b>\$ 7,264.92</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>\$ 720.23</b>	<b>\$ 945.35</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$53,985.81</b>	<b>\$188,637.94</b>
<b>Actual Expenses</b>	<b>\$40,862.70</b>	<b>\$188,733.96</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$13,123.11</b>	<b>-\$ 96.02</b>

Owed to Internal Line of Credit: \$45,000

The Elders have cancelled Tomas Gutierrez because he lives out of the area.

A motion was approved for the purchase of Chrome books for our 5<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms at a cost of up to \$2,000.

## **Our 2018 LOVE offering**

This year our recipients are Calvary Academy, Flint Pregnancy Care Center, and the Central African Medical Mission. Please remember that we will be gathering this LOVE offering throughout the year, culminating in a door offering at our Thanksgiving Service.

## **WHO WANTS A NEW SCHOOL LIBRARY?!?!?!**

It's time to clean out the storage room so we can make some big changes and transform it into a library you and your kids will LOVE! (But we need help...)



We are looking for **volunteers** to help move items from the “soon to be library” room to the gym on **Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup> from 2-?** (Come for whatever length of time works for you) You can sign up

either online with the link below, or there is a sign up sheet on the information table in the back of church.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c49adaf2ca7fa7-library>

We will be having a day for Salem families to come to the gym and take what they would like on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Freewill donations will be accepted but not required (money collected will go into the library fund for books, shelving, rugs, etc.)

**Upcoming dates to remember:**

School Cleaning Project	June 10	2pm - ?
School “garage giveaway ”	June 16	10am-2pm
Summer Sewing Classes	June 12 &14	6:30-8:30pm
	June 17 & 19	6:30-8:30pm
	June 24 & 27	6:30-8:30pm
Vacation Bible School	July 23-27	9-11:30am
School Registration	August 13	1-6pm
First day of School	August 23	8am

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

Dear Salem friends,

Thank you for the donation to help my parents and me with the educational costs for next school year at MLS. We are thankful to God for you and your generosity! In addition, please pray for me as I begin high school; it won't be easy but with God all things are possible.

Sincerely,

Elijah Zelenka